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Sri M. Narayana Kurup :—" A large number of schemes sanctioned under the National Extension Service and otherwise are not being executed because estimates and plans are not prepared sufficiently early and there is dearth of officials to do this. Will the Government examine this matter and appoint more experts so that the schemes might be speedily executed? "

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" Yes, Government have been appointing special engineering staff for expediting the works."

Allowances for election duty

* 737 *Q*.—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the teachers of Varanakode Elementary School, Cheruthazham amsam in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, have not yet been paid their travelling and duty allowance for their work connected with the last general elections; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the delay in payment?

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The travelling allowance and other allowances due to the teachers of that school have already been paid.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri K. P. Gopalan :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the District Educational Officer, Malabar, issued a circular instructing the teachers of some schools to refund the amount originally paid to them, failing which they would not be paid their salaries? The audit objection was the result of the delay on the part of the Government in paying that money. May I, therefore, request the Hon. Minister to enquire into the matter and see that the teachers get their pay as early as possible? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" I shall certainly look into the matter, Sir.

Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether he is aware that the same thing has been repeated in the case of district board elections also and quite a number of them remain to be paid? "

11-30 a.m. The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" I thought quite a competent and efficient President was in charge of the district board. Hereafter all such things would not happen."

Irrigation cess on lands in Pudukkottai.

* 738 *Q*.—Sri V. Balakrishnan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of irrigation cess collected by the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State and remaining unspent on 1st January 1949;

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(b) whether this amount continues to be with the Revenue Department after the merger of Pudukkottai with Madras; and

(c) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) No irrigation cess was collected by the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State except a cess of eight annas per acre on the ayacut of the tanks, in respect of which the irrigation cess was to be levied. The cess of eight annas per acre was collected to recoup the amount spent for the maintenance of such tanks, and credited into the Treasury under Personal Deposit Account No. 112 for their maintenance. The amount outstanding in the Personal Deposit Account on 1st January 1949 was Rs. 15,982-10-1.

" (b) & (c) The amount continues to be in the Personal Deposit Account No. 112 and steps are being taken to issue authorization to the Huzur Treasury, Tiruchirappalli, for opening a Personal Deposit Account in the name of the Collector of Tiruchirappalli and for transferring the amount to that account."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is this amount put to any use, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, it is likely to be put to some use."

Veterinary Dispensary for Kanhangad

* 739 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a Veterinary dispensary at Kanhangad in the Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) The Government have sanctioned the opening of a Veterinary dispensary at Kanhangad in South Kanara district during the current financial year. The Director of Animal Husbandry is taking necessary action to open the dispensary."

State Judicial Service.

* 740 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to introduce written or *viva voce* tests for the selection of subordinate judicial officers, civil and criminal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is presumed that the Member refers to District Munsifs and Subdivisional Magistrates included in the Madras State Judicial Service. Recruitment to this Service is made at the level of District Munsifs on the basis of a competitive examination comprising